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REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action mailed 6 November 2001, time for response to which was set to expire 6 February 2002. A petition for an extension of time of one (1) month until 6 March 2002 is attached hereto along with the required fee. This Reply is thus believed to be timely.

Claims 1-12 are pending, with claims 2, 4, 11 and 12 withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1, 3, and 5-10 have been rejected. Reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.